## **Town of Narragansett**



# **Aggregation Program: Supplier Selection**

September 19, 2022



#### **RI Energy Residential Rates**



#### **Current residential market rates**

Last Resort Service Oct-March: 17.785 cents/kWh

Three offers currently in Rhode Island:

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Supplier		Contract Term	Rate	Energy Cost/Month	Est. Monthly Savings	Percent Renewable
townsquare	Meets state- mandated renewable energy standards	3 months	19.97¢	\$149.78	\$91.20 additional cost	N/A
Company Info			Plan Details			
AMBITENERGY	Exceeds state- mandated renewable energy standards	12 months	23.75¢	\$178.13	\$119.55 additional cost	100%
Company Info			Plan Details			
<b>Smart</b> Energy <sup>次</sup>	Exceeds state- mandated renewable energy standards	6 months	24.9¢	\$186.75	\$128.17 additional cost	100%
Company Info			Plan Details			

In MA, offers ranging from 19 to 27 cents/kWh

# **Current Bidding Process to Date**

Good Energy opened an initial bid November 2021

 Policy issues with PUC were not resolved until March 2022 that would allow for a seamless program launch

 Workshopped responses with suppliers to craft their response to be an effective program

## **Reviewing the Bid Results**

- Two finalists with different approaches:
  - Single-point in time procurement
  - On-going procurements with true-ups
- Municipalities approved launch criteria to execute an Electrical Service Agreement (ESA)
- Pursued opportunity to launch with single-point in time and mitigate rate increase this fall
- Supplier did not update to an executable bid in June and <u>has</u> now confirmed they cannot launch this fall

#### **Recommended Supplier Selection**

- Particularly well suited for this highly volatile market and for enabling innovation in programs
- Supplier's product manages risk via 1) multiple procurements that create diversity and 2) with forecasts and true-ups in future periods
- Well tested with other regional aggregations in New England (20+ municipalities)
- Rhode Island's six other programs have signed with the supplier, and they are willing to extend substantially the same terms to Narragansett to join their buying group

## **Request for Authorization**

#### Proposed Resolution would provide:

- Empowering staff to sign an ESA on behalf of the Town
- Proposal must provide for the default product to be lower than Last Resort Service at the time of launch
- Require Solicitor review of agreement prior to executing

#### **Timeline to Launch**

- Sept: Review & Execute ESA
- Sept-Jan: Supplier executes hedges
- January: Last Resort Auctions for period starting April 2023
- Feb: Last Resorts rate finalized for summer
- March: Mail Customer Notification Letters
- March-April: Opt-out period
- May: Launch!